

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 5 with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- The present invention relates to a novel plant extract which inhibits ~~an~~the activity of fibroblast growth factor 5, a hair growth stimulant containing the extract and a cosmetic containing the extract. --

Please replace the section heading on page 1, line 10 with the following rewritten section heading.

-- BACKGROUND ~~ART~~OF THE INVENTION --

Please DELETE the section heading on page 3, line 24

Please DELETE the section heading on page 6, line 8.